

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 1, with the following:

D1 ~~FIG. 14~~ Figs. 14A-14G ~~is a~~ are ~~view~~ views illustrating a number of different cutting tips usable with the flexible drill;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 8, with the following:

D2 ~~Figs. 17~~ 17A and ~~17A~~ 17B are schematic views illustrating the forming of harvested tissue fragments into a compressed plug suitable for implantation;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 14, with the following:

D3 ~~Figs. 19~~ 19A and ~~19A~~ 19B are schematic views illustrating the implantation of harvested tissue fragments using a formable polymeric sealant as a retainer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 6, with the following:

D4 ~~Fig. 14~~ Figs. 14A-14G ~~illustrates~~ illustrate several different cutting tips which may be attached in a known manner to a flexible drill shaft in accordance with the present invention. The technology for the cutting tips is not specific to the present invention, but rather the cutting tips may be designed in accordance with known principles.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 12, with the following:

D5 The cutting tip 120 (~~Fig. 14~~ Figs. 14A-14G) has a cutting edge 122 at least partially defining an opening 123 through which suction is drawn. The cutting tip 124 includes a plurality of cutting edges 126 defining a plurality of suction openings 128 disposed along the outer circumferential portion of the cutting tip 124. The cutting tip 130 is similar to the cutting tip 124 but includes cutting edges 126a and suction openings 128a which extend to the end of the cutting tip 130. Furthermore, the cutting tip 130 is blunt rather than sharp, to avoid perforation of tissue, such as bones.

[Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 15, with the following:

D6 In preparing the harvested graft material for implantation, the tissue fragments alone are spun or compressed (see ~~Fig. 17~~ Fig. 17B) to form them into the desired shape. When the tissue is harvested, blood and blood clots are often drawn along with the tissue fragments. The blood component fibrin is a sticky clotting component, and can be used to aid in holding the tissue fragments together for implantation. Thus, the blood can be separated from the tissue fragments and then spun to separate the fibrin for use with the tissue fragments. Alternatively, the entire mass of tissue fragments and blood is compressed into a specific shape to form the mass into a specific, appropriate shape for implantation into the body.

[Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 12, with the following:

b7? Harvested tissue fragments before implantation are preferably packed or compressed into a plug of tissue graft material. Alternatively, the tissue fragments may be left in a more loose state, or only certain selected cells, components, or tissue fragments are used. Any suitable means of packing or compressing fragments may be used. ~~Fig. 17~~ Figs. 17A and 17B illustrate illustrate schematically a simple apparatus for doing so. As viewed in ~~Fig. 17~~ Figs. 17A and 17B, the harvested tissue pieces 170 are placed into a form or mold 172 and then compressed by a movable compressor 174 to form a plug 176 of a desired shape or size. Unwanted fluid drains out through one or more fluid outlets 178, while the graft, cells, fibrin, and blood clot tissues remain within the form 172.

[Please replace the paragraph beginning on page ²² ~~23~~, line ²⁶ ~~6~~, with the follow:

D8 Referring to Fig. 18, To to implant one or more selected components of the harvested tissue fragments, for example in grafting bone tissue onto a bone, a cannula 180 is inserted through the skin 182 and muscle 184 to the area of the bone 186 where the graft is to be placed. A curette or probe is then inserted through the cannula 182 to clear out the area 188 where the graft is to be placed.

[Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 24, with the following: